

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN } SS:

FELONY AND/OR MISDEMEANOR
IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR/CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO. _____

STATE OF INDIANA
VS.

FWPD Control # 88F013861

JOHN D MILLER

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

1. The undersigned swears and affirms, under the penalties for perjury, that he/she has good cause to believe that:

Sometime during the period of time between the 1st day of April, 1988, and the 4th day of April, 1988

In the County of Allen and in the State of Indiana said Defendant did knowingly commit the crime(s) of, MURDER A Felony, CHILD MOLESTING B felony, CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT C Felony

2. The Defendant, JOHN D MILLER , is described as being: (race), WHITE (gender), MALE (DOB) 07-07-59
3. The Affiant, BRIAN MARTIN, is an officer of the Fort Wayne Police Department. The Affiant believes and has good cause to believe that the said Defendant committed the aforesaid offense(s). The Affiant bases his/her belief on the fact that on April 01 1988 at approximately 1500 hours The Fort Wayne Police department was call to 307 ½ w. Williams St. Fort Wayne, In. Janet Tinsley was reporting that her Daughter, April M Tinsley, dob:03-18-1980 was missing. Law Enforcement began a neighborhood canvas and interview of possible witnesses.
4. On 04-04-1988 The Indiana State Police and DeKalb County Police Department were called to 5037 C.R. 68 Spencerville, In. in reference to the deceased body of a young girl in the ditch. The clothing description matched that of April Tinsley. Detectives also located a shoe that appeared to belong to the young girl approximately 1,000 feet west of the body. Detectives on the scene were able to take a Polaroid picture of the victim to show to the Tinsley family. On 04-04-1988 at approximately 5:50 P.M. Janet and Michael Tinsley identified the body of the young girl along C.R. 68 Spencerville, In. as April M Tinsley. An autopsy revealed that April M Tinsley died of asphyxiation with indications of sexual assault, her death was ruled a homicide. Forensic examination of the underwear of April M Tinsley revealed a DNA profile from an unknown male.
5. On 05-21-1990 Law Enforcement was called to a Barn located at Schwartz Rd. and S.R. 37. Detectives observed writing on the barn from the suspect killer taking credit for killing April M Tinsley. The note on the barn saying "I kill 8 year old April M Tinsley did you find her other shoe haha I will kill agin".
6. In 2004 Police were dispatched to 1615 Benham Dr. Ft. Wayne. In., Witmer Rd & Roth Rd. Grabill, In., and 12902 Indiana St. Grabill, In. Police recovered three (3) used condoms one used condom at each of the above mentions scenes. Along with these condoms, notes were found stating that the person that left the condoms had raped and killed April M Tinsley. A DNA profile was developed from the abandoned condoms, and it was determined to be consistent with the profile developed from the underwear of April M Tinsley.
7. On 05-11-2018 Det. Brian Martin arranged for genetic DNA testing and analysis to be done on the April M Tinsley Suspect evidence sample. Parabon Nanolabs was contracted for the testing.
8. On 07-02-2018 Parabon Nanolabs was able to narrow the DNA recovered in the Suspect in the April M Tinsley case to two surviving brothers, John D. Miller and J P M. This information was done by using open public genealogy data base research by highly trained Genealogist CeCe Moore. Det. Brian Martin, and Det. Clint Hetrick began surveillance on John D Miller and observed that John D. Miller appeared to be the lone occupant of 13722 Main St. Lot # 4 Grabill, In. Detectives also researched utility services at the above mentioned address and confirmed that John D Miller was the lone occupant of the residence.
9. On 07-06-2018, a covert trash pull was conducted at the residence of John D. Miller at 13722 Main Street, Lot #4, Grabill, Indiana, in an attempt to locate any items that may contain DNA from John D. Miller. In examining the trash, several items were collected including three (3) used condoms.

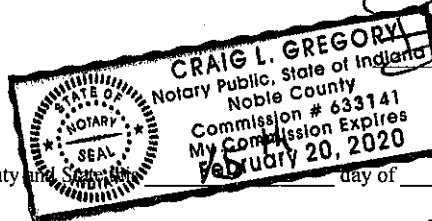
10. On 07-09- 2018, I was contacted by the Indiana State Police laboratory, and was informed that the DNA profile extracted from the used condoms recovered from the trash pull at the residence of John D. Miller was consistent with the DNA profile recovered from the condoms recovered in 2004, which also match the DNA recovered in April M Tinsley's underwear on 04-04-1988.
11. On 07-15-2018 Det Clint Hetrick of the Indiana State Police and Det. Brian Martin approached John D Miller in front of his residence, 13722 Main St. Lot. # 4, Grabill, In. John D Miller agreed to come to the Fort Wayne Police Department to speak with Detectives. John D Miller was advised of his Rights, and agreed to talk to Detectives. I then asked John Miller if he had any idea why the Police wanted to talk to him. John Miller then looked at Detectives and said "April Tinsley". Detectives then told John Miller that we did want to talk to him about the Tinsley case. Detectives explained that we had a DNA match of his DNA to the DNA evidence that was left on April M Tinsley, and the condoms left along with letter confessing to the Rape, and Murder of April M Tinsley. Detectives asked John Miller to explain what happened to April M Tinsley. John Miller looked at Detective Hetrick and Martin and said, "I can't". John Miller then admitted to Detectives Hetrick and Martin that he abducted April M Tinsley from Hoagland St. Ft. Wayne, In. on April 01, 1988 and took her to his trailer at 13722 Main St. Grabill, In. John Miller then told Detectives that he had sex with April M Tinsley, and then he killed her. John Miller advised that he choked April M Tinsley to death, so that she would not report him to the Police. John Miller told Detectives that it took about 10 minutes for April M Tinsley to die. John Miller advised that after April M Tinsley was dead that he then had anal sex with the deceased body of April M Tinsley. John Miller advised Detectives that he then drove April M Tinsley's body to C.R. 68 Spencerville, In. and dumped her body in the early morning of April 02, 1988. John D Miller stated that he did drive by where he had dumped the body the next day when he did not see it on the news. John D Miller further stated that he saw April M Tinsley's shoe in the car and threw it out along the ditch on C.R. 68 Spencerville, In. Detectives then transported John D Miller to the Allen County Jail.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me in and for said County and

My Term/Commission Expires:

2-20-2020



Affiant

day of July, 20 18

Dgt. G. 1590F
Deputy Prosecutor/Notary Public

ORDER

Defendant appears in person. Review of probable cause held. The Court now finds probable cause does exist for arrest of Defendant. On motion of the State, cause continued for seventy-two (72) hours, excluding intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, for Formal Charges. Bail fixed in the sum of \$ _____.

ORDER

Hearing on issue of probable cause held. State of Indiana, by Prosecuting Attorney Karen E. Richards, files Affidavit for probable cause, which is examined by the Court. Court finds probable cause does exist for arrest of Defendant, and orders Clerk to issue a warrant for arrest of Defendant for the crime(s) of _____.

_____, 20____

Judge, Allen Circuit/Superior Court